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SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS TO DRAFT
A DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE, PARIS,
JANUARY 26-30

1. SUBJECT MEETING HAS BEEN CONVOKED BY UNESCO DIRECTOR
GENERAL IN RESPONSE TO A UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE
RESOLUTION LINKING PREPARATION OF A DRAFT DECLARATION
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ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE TO THE UN DECADE FOR ACTION TO

COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. WHEN THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED ITS RESOLUTION 3379, WHICH EQUATED ZIONISM WITH RACISM, THE U. S. PUBLICLY STATED THAT IT WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE UN DECADE.

2. WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST U. S. PARTICIPATION IN THE FORTHCOMING UNESCO MEETING, INCLUDING POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT INITIATIVES. SINCE THIS MEETING FALLS CLEARLY UNDER RUBRIC OF "DECADE AGAINST RACISM," U. S. WILL NOT PARTICIPATE, AND YOU SHOULD MAKE THIS POSITION KNOWN IMMEDIATELY TO HOST GOVERNMENT WITH THE HOPE THAT IT WILL FOLLOW SAME COURSE.

3. WE CONSIDER POSTPONEMENT EFFORT NOT A PROMISING ALTERNATIVE AND IT WOULD UNDERCUT THE U. S. POSITION IN PRINCIPLE ABOUT NONPARTICIPATION IN THE DECADE OF RACISM ACTIVITIES.

4. FOR LUXEMBOURG : WE UNDERSTAND THAT EC NINE UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS REPE ARE MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG THURSDAY, JANUARY EIGHT. YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THESE REPS ARE INFORMED OF U. S. POSITION ASAP, AS THEY ARE EXPECTED TO CONSIDER THIS ISSUE. KISSINGER

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